

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 6-13, 16-18, 21-25, 27, 28 and 30 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 27, 28 and 30 are amended and claims 26, 29 and 31 are cancelled.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended by Examiner Nguyen to Applicant's representative during the June 21, 2005 personal interview. The personal interview is summarized below and thus constitutes Applicant's record of the interview.

An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with this Amendment. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4, 6-9, 12, 13, 16-18, 21 and 27. By this Amendment, claim 27 has been amended into independent form. As discussed below, all of the claims are allowable.

Claims 1, 11, 22-25, 28 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over EP 1 195 248 (EP'248). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

EP'248 fails to disclose a serial recording apparatus with a non-volatile memory, wherein at least one of (a) the first information and (b) the second information is predetermined by a manufacturer before being stored in the memory, as recited in claim 1 and as similarly recited in claims 28 and 30.

As agreed during the personal interview, EP'248 fails to disclose all of the features recited in claims 1, 28 and 30 because EP'248 only temporarily stores at least one of (a) the first information and (b) the second information in a volatile memory (i.e., a RAM) and not a non-volatile memory. Furthermore, EP'248 uses a photosensor 6 and operates a recording head to record adjustment charts on a recording paper. As such, EP'248 does not use information that is predetermined by a manufacturer of the apparatus.

In view of the foregoing, EP'248 fails to disclose all of the features recited in claims 1, 28 and 30, as well as the additional features recited in claims 11 and 22-25. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 26, 29 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Askren et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,428,224, has been rendered moot.

Claims 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over EP'248 in view of Martin, U.S. Patent No. 4,097,873. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Martin fails to overcome the deficiencies of EP'248 in disclosing the memory as recited in claim 1. Accordingly, EP'248 and Martin fail to disclose or suggest all of the features recited in claim 1, as well as the additional features recited in claim 10. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 4, 6-13, 16-18, 21-25, 27, 28 and 30 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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